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**Listing of Available NIS Elements in OCI Handbooks**

1. The listing of current National Intelligence Estimates in the OCI Handbooks is regarded as a valuable feature in that it provides Handbook users with a convenient reference to important material allied to the subject matter of the Handbooks.

2. It is believed that an additional listing of NIS elements available on the area covered by the Handbook would also be a valuable feature. While the Handbooks principally serve the purposes of ready reference and brief orientation, the NIS covers the same and related topics to a considerably greater depth. It appears, therefore, that Handbook users in search of more comprehensive treatment than is to be found in the Handbooks would find value in a handy reference to available elements of the NIS, with which many of these users may not be familiar.

3. The enclosure hereto indicates a proposed manner of listing available NIS elements. This is a relatively simple device, the incorporation of which would be mechanical only. The pertinent information would be supplied you for each Handbook, new or revised, by the Publication Division of this Office on a form similar to the enclosure.

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**Enclosure:**

Proposed form for listing  
available NIS elements in  
the OCI Handbooks

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